above pitfalls?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes Sir, to some extent due to reduction in the market share of its long distance traffic.

(c) and (d) Valuation may reduce in the short term. It may, however, improve with traffic growth.

(e) Department of Telecom Services plan to enter new services may generate additional revenue.

Rajyotsava Telephone Scheme in Bangalore

963. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) how many persons registered for telephones in Bangalore City under the Rajyotsava Scheme introduced in November 1999;

(b) out of which, how many of them have been given telephone connection so far;

(c) by when the others will get the connections; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to introduce similar scheme in November 2000 on the occasion of Rajyotsava?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Sir, 92,120 persons registered for telephone connection in Bangalore City under the Rajyostava Scheme introduced in November 1999.

(b) 62,663 registrants out of 92,120 have been provided telephone connections so far.

(c) Efforts are afoot to provide telephone connections to the remaining applicants progressively by March 2001.

(d) Currently there is no proposal.